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DHSMV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

~ Airborne Law Enforcement Association bestows high honor ~

TUCSON, Ariz. – Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Executive Director Julie L. Jones was honored yesterday when the Airborne Law Enforcement Association presented her with the Robert L. Cormier Award. The annual award recognizes an individual whose personal efforts and actions have perpetuated the professionalism and advancement of airborne law enforcement in public service.

As DHSMV's Executive Director, Jones is responsible for overseeing the operations of the nine fixed wing aircraft used by the Florida Highway Patrol. The aircraft are located throughout the state and conduct daily missions related to traffic enforcement as well as routine patrol for disabled vehicles and crashes. FHP pilots also assist in drug enforcement details, stolen vehicle recovery, search and rescue, and surveillance flights. As former director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's law enforcement division, Jones directed the operations of six helicopters and seven fixed wing aircraft as they conducted a variety of missions, including wildlife and boating enforcement, search and rescue, and other flights in support of public safety and homeland security.

"Julie Jones exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism in public service, and her leadership in airborne law enforcement has helped make the most of Florida's airborne resources," said Governor Charlie Crist. "I commend Director Jones and all of our dedicated airborne law enforcement personnel for the tremendous job they do to protect and serve all of the residents and visitors of our great state."

Airborne law enforcement operations are an effective and efficient way to enforce laws and serve the public. Because of Florida's vast geography, airborne operations serve as a force multiplier to maximize enforcement efforts. Florida's airborne operations also have recently played critical roles in reconnaissance and surveillance of Florida's Gulf Coast as part of the state's response to the Deepwater Horizon event.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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